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Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 19, 2006. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 19, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 19, 2006 were 5.76 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	:	Week Ending				
	:					
	:	Jul 15	Jul 22	Jul 29	Aug 5	Aug 12
	:	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
Thousand						
AL	:	32,033	32,037	32,037	31,846	31,738
AR	:	30,003	29,980	*30,096	29,934	30,200
DE	:	3,969	3,824	4,075	4,110	4,112
FL	:	1,344	1,364	*1,364	1,344	1,344
GA	:	35,020	34,858	34,468	34,988	34,513
KY	:	*7,275	*7,189	*7,456	7,382	*7,253
LA	:	3,954	3,954	3,954	3,952	3,954
MD	:	8,942	8,855	8,867	8,831	8,797
MS	:	17,916	17,947	17,914	17,864	17,693
NC	:	18,643	18,380	*18,397	18,124	18,406
OK	:	6,252	6,494	6,698	6,420	6,633
PA	:	4,085	4,229	4,246	3,962	3,984
SC	:	5,455	5,385	5,259	5,288	*5,328
TX	:	14,821	14,769	14,777	14,820	14,758
VA	:	6,382	6,353	6,323	6,279	6,326
CA, MO, TN, & WV	:	17,523	18,275	*18,319	17,368	*17,985
19 State Total	:	*213,617	*213,893	*214,250	212,512	*213,024
Previous Year Total	:	214,405	215,913	214,171	213,068	210,010
Pct. of Prev. Year	:	100	99	100	100	101

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	:	Week Ending				
	:					
	:	Jul 15	Jul 22	Jul 29	Aug 5	Aug 12
	:	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
Thousand						
AL	:	20,659	21,992	20,820	21,928	21,798
AR	:	24,378	22,880	23,224	24,382	22,938
DE	:	5,916	5,971	5,242	5,116	4,662
FL	:	1,487	1,390	1,388	1,534	1,410
GA	:	28,322	28,429	28,099	28,525	*29,068
KY	:	*5,633	*5,760	*5,892	*6,004	*5,741
LA	:	3,578	3,916	3,630	3,962	3,668
MD	:	5,977	5,699	6,154	6,062	6,454
MS	:	15,776	15,166	15,924	15,990	15,975
NC	:	15,641	15,060	14,929	15,565	*15,198
OK	:	4,527	5,481	5,047	4,029	5,873
PA	:	2,958	2,870	2,841	3,063	*3,042
SC	:	4,130	4,754	4,217	4,643	*4,304
TX	:	12,801	11,070	12,596	12,577	12,411
VA	:	5,503	5,198	5,669	5,143	4,775
CA, MO, TN, & WV	:	16,560	15,752	16,993	16,602	*17,033
19 State Total	:	*173,846	*171,388	*172,665	*175,125	*174,350
Previous Year Total	:	175,429	172,892	175,277	177,097	177,045
Pct. of Prev. Year	:	99	99	99	99	98